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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: AMBRUSH Organization

Job # 63-345/6

File # 19-5-6

Dated included: Apr 61 - Jan 62

Volumes: 1

1. Description:

Revolutionary Council Anti-Castro Security and Counter-Intelligence Team.

2. Findings:

No findings in relation to the terms of reference.

Of possible interest: A document dated 19 August 1961 source: AMPAL-1, hand carried to Hqs. from WAVE in August 1961. The document mentions "Cuban Communist penetration agents in all branches of importance of the U.S. Government" ... Mentions a possible "Castro penetration into the Frente (FRD - Revolutionary Democratic Front) and U.S. activities".

3. Other Agencies with Knowledge of this Activity:

Apparently, none.

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(Barbara Boyle)
Researcher

02 /CDH comment: Check out Eugenio MARTINEZ again. (SL)IPSTREAM-1 said in 1976 that one Eugenio MARTINEZ was working for the Cubans. A Eugenio MARTINEZ was involved in the Watergate; a former JMWAVE Station agent./

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from WAVE to HQ by Victor Wallen, Dec. 1961 Source AMPRIZ-1

2. August 19/61
Enclosed find an approximate list of expenses that (Armando Munero) [06] gave me for consideration. However, he would like to talk it over as to the rest of his stay in the U. S.
(Armando Munero) [06] enclosed a note he asked to have sent over, "La Voz d las Americas" (onda corta--short wave). This is supposed to be some sort of signal to his O. P. C. group in Cuba to get behind and cooperate with information and sabotage.---------
I did not talk to him as yet since I am awaiting word from you as t this Monday's meetings with him.-----

3. August 19/61
Jacinto Luzarraga, a friend from Cuba and former sugar mill owner, and father-in-law of Lino Fernandez (MRR, now in jail at the Isle Pines), told me that Dr. (Antonio Valdes Rodriguez) [06] (30th of Noviembr Movimiento) was taken to jail after returning to Cuba from Miami last time here, and not as yet released. Jacinto arrived here wi his wife and 3 grandchildren about 5 days ago. He was formerly a member of the famous old Cuban A B C group. It should be remembe that Dr. (Valdes) [06] received training in S/W, his last trip here.-----

4. August 19/61
Ben Volpe, now working at Holiday Tours, Biscayne Blvd., Miami, t me that his father, having come from Cuba a few days ago, told hi that Federico Claramont, 1100 10th St., Miami Beach (living close them), is a suspected member of Castro's G-2 and known as such si being in Cuba. He arrived in the U. S., Miami, as a political ex which is a cover for his true mission here, and status.------

5. August 19/61
Jacinto Luzarraga and his relative told me that it is being rumor that since only men are taken to Opa Locka by Immigration for 48 Fidel Castro is sending in many G-2 women instead of men for his clandestine operations here, between here and Cuba. I also heard rumored that some of these agents are sent to tie in with Communi in the U. S., various regions of the U. S. I have no other info. this as could not find out more since it was told to me as a rumc

6. August 19/61
(Armando Munero) [06] told me that he gets information from his uncle Guillermo Rojas, a long time Cuban Communist who is presently wo in the Imprenta Nacional at Havana. He helped (supposed to be one

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Cont'd.6.-- the main) organize the library of the Communist throughout Cuba. His uncle told him that Kruschev promised Fidel Castro that he have missles in Cuba(this was a few months ago). Also, his unc[illegible] that the Russians have spies in the Pentagon that pull for Fidel Castro, and they have already plenty of agents bel nging to the Communists in all branches of importance of the U. S. Gov't., a[illegible] even in the CIA. He said that all people in Cuba that worked w[illegible] the CIA were picked up through their agents and those presently working with same are being watched closely. (Munero) told me th[illegible] he is kind of suspicious of Eugenio, his being Cuban and because a sort of sixth sense, as he calls it.-------------

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-Bart told me last week that Juez Garceran was the one that sent [illegible] letter you received to Carlos Prio as he recognized the handwrit[illegible] on both envelopes. The above judge told Bart that some have bee[illegible] given Salvo Conductos to Mexico and that the Italian Embassy is emptying out some. This judge is the one that made the list of people held up in the Italian Embassy, that you received from Ba[illegible]

-Bart told me that he thought that Alberto Del Junco(MDC),that I [illegible] in touch,with is getting aid from someone from the U. S. Gov't. [illegible] Del Junco's sister saw him this past Friday night at his home an[illegible] gave him $5,000.00 in U. S. Dollars(money) to send through the Po[illegible] to Cuba to be given to her brother down there. She didn't want t[illegible] disclose to Bart where and from whom she received the money, and only said that it was from his group(MDC) here. Bart thinks that this is not true. He sent the money down already.

-Enclosed(marked in pencil, #7) find photostatic copies of letters sent to Oscar Diaz from former F.Castro Pres. Urrutia and from a Macaroni that Bart knows. It is self explanatory in Spanish and Bart says that he knows that the air strips shown on enclosed map are truely in existence. Bart received these photostatic copies [illegible] to his suggesting same to Oscar Diaz upon delivery. I couldn't t[illegible] this letter to you a few nights ago as he had to deliver same in [illegible] hour of the time I visited him. However, I suggested his trying t[illegible] stand by when the letter was opened. Oscar Diaz liked Bart's ide[illegible] making photostatic copies of same and Bart asked for one for himse[illegible]

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Cont'd. 3.-- It seems that Captain Despain wants to break up the Intell.Servi of the Frente due to lack of funds, says Dr. F'dez. However, d having tried to find out whether this Captain Despain was Ernest we were not sure. Having been introduced upon our 2nd visit las Friday, 9:30 A. M.(first visit was 2 days previously at 9:30 A.M we were presented to Ernesto Despain, the person we were looking some time now(due to his relations with Ceferino Alvarez(G-2) an Josefina Socarras(Ceferino's girl friend, of whom I have been wr about for some time now). We started to get places,with all fu cooperation,the first time there as we spoke only to Dr. F'dez. second time, with Despain present, we felt that we should not go many details. Dr. F'dez. told us that Despain was planning on s him with a delegation to Puerto Rico. I feel, as well as Frank, this Dr. F'dez.(around 60 yrs. old) is a person that could very e organize his office to be of very valuable service against Castro his Communists here in the States, as well as in Latin America wh they already have their own agents operating. It is felt that De is trying to get Dr. F'dez. out of the way because he recognizes importance of the planned Intelligence Service the Frente , throu F'dez., xxx which could produce a very strong arm against Castro. Dr. F'dez. says that they are now working on the ABC form as used against a former president of Cuba known as Machado. Enclosed is an idea of how this group functions and are placed into many walks life of importance to this cause. Their work is mainly of Intell Service and in a form of cooperating with the U.S.Gov't. in all wa possible without trying to get monies, if possible, to function. H presently trying to get donations to $300.00 to keep his office go for a month. Upstairs in the same building, they have radio opera (very well experienced) continuously monitoring all phases of impo ance in Cuba(sugar mills, etc.). Frank Asked Despain if the file had in his hands was for us. Despain was caught a little off bounds as he became somewhat unnerved, but soon rallied and opened the fil showing data on boats, but taking great pains to keep us from seein the contents. I didn't want to press the point arousing any suspic Dr. F'dez. introduced me as a Joe Anderson, FBI man. I had formerl cautioned him against referring to me as anything special, which he

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Cont'd.8-----did anyway. I let it go at that to see the developments as it w no use to refute him again. However, when we parted, I did menti him again that he should not do so at random as I did not think i necessary nor what we had agreed upon. Dr. F'dez. did say so as introduced us to Despain as his Jefe(chief) and wanted to show hi loyalty at the same time explaining to him that he was cooperatin with us in all ways possible against Castro and Communism, which plainly seen that Despain didn't like at all. Despain sat silent no questions asked, hard, eyeing us as if waiting to see how far FBI had gotten into matters of the Frente. I did not ask the Dr. questions I wanted to and only said that I would like to be in to with him at all times. Enclosed you will find photostatic copies letters sent by Cubans here to Prague and the answers of same. Y told me to ask him how he got this information. Idid not feel th should have done so at the moment. However, I will be in touch w Dr. F'dez. again soon as I said I would. I will not go to the of of this Intell. again as I was almost seen by a Frank Paez, Pepe Aguero's friend. Pepe Aguero is Paula Grau's husband, now here. turned my head away, I think, in time. Dr. Fdez. says that he ha of more information to give me and that loads of stuff reaches hi daily, all of which he can turn over to me for study. He said th will get for me CIA files that the Frente has hidden and want to with him. I feel, if Despain, is out of the way, I could do much getting what is needed of them. I do not feel safe with him arou I may be wrong, but that is the way I feel about security with h I promised to return the enclosed photostatic copies but feel tha of the files can be taken over for copy for the asking, as Dr. F' said he would cooperate to the fullest.

Dr. Jose Julio Fernandez: Office(9 to 11 A.M.):FR-1-5133
Home(from 8 P.M. to 8 A.M.):HI-4-1853
Frente(from 11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M.):
FR-4-2630-38-39

He holds a Frente Carnet No. 102, Frente Revolucionario Democratic (F.R.D.), Delegacion de: El Salvador(Rescate) and receives $200.00 monthly as a salary from the Frente.

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Frank Arias has given me the following information (about Despain).

Captain(Lieutenant, known formerly as) Ernesto Despain, head of t Frente Intelligence Service at ~~159~~ 174 14th Lane, Miami, with entranc in back of building at 197 15th Street, off Brickell Ave., worked for with Ceferino Alvarez(G-2, known as) in Government Insurance(Segu Gobierno) and formerly in the now non-existent BANSECO(branch of National Bank of Cuba). Josefina Socarras worked with them also Seguro del Gobierno. I have written of Josefina before through findings of Frank, who knew them all in Cuba(not Despain directly, only his family). This Captain Despain is an intimate friend of Ceferino and Josefina(planning to go to New York soon). She has b trying to get something started here, as reported before. It is strongly urged that this Josefina be surveilled constantly as I, as well as Frank, think that she is affiliated with Castro's cland activities here in the States. She received monthly checks from t Centro Refugiado. Captain Despain is planning on going to join t U. S. Army. He is definitely strongly suspected of giving everyth of Intelligence to Castro and is tied in with the Communist and Cas groups here. He may even soon plan to disappear from the scene and should not be allowed to get off easily. He has been keeping Dr. Jose Julio Fernandez from organizing his anti-Castro and Anti-Commi files due to lack of funds(says Despain). It seems that this was ju an excuse before and was done to keep the ball functioning as should be. I think that this Dr. Jose Julio Fernandez is very sincere an is innocently giving everything into the hands of Despain without knowing. How Despain got into this position is not known by us yet. As far as we are concerned he is a Castro penetration into the Frent and U. S. activities.

The above is the result of being sent to see Dr. Jose Julio Fernande head of Intelligence Servence of the Frente(as told us by Former Cuban Grl. Socallanes, friend of Frank. I went with Frank to try t find out about a woman whose son(one of two of them) had taken data and pictures for Castro of all (most) military and naval installations in t State of Florida.

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Cont'd.8--- Enclosed find the groups belonging to the Frente that was writt[en] for me by this Dr. F'dez.

Enclosed find(#8 marked)"Reporte and Informe"(2 sheets) given me Dr. F'dez. to show what they are doing now.

Dr. D'dez. informed me of the following:

(a). A Communist militant; Alberto Iglesias, 425 Cedar Lane, E[ast] Meadow, New York(Phones:IV-1-4368 and IV-6-4547). He is a Resident of the U. S. for more than 20 years. He has his business,"American Welding and Boiler Works Co.". This is man to be watched as he even uses his business as a front.

(b). Mario Garcia, Miami Ventilated Awning Co., Inc.(works at); presently asking Immigration permission to go to Cuba and considered as one of Fidel Castro's heads here with a gre[at] many ties.

Enclosed find a break down of expenses of the Frente Intell. Offi[ce] given me by Dr. F'dez., my asking him for same. Frank Aries is helping the Dr. get funds for the maintenance of this office for least another month. I think that this set up should be taken in study. --------

9. August 21/61

Enclosed find marked #9, 2 documents, given me by Emanuel Carvaja[l] last night which are self-explanatory in Spanish. One is a list exiles in their Costa Rican Embassy in Havana, and the other is a document(copy) signed and given today to the Minister of Foreign Relations of Cuba in Havana. It seems that there was very much discussions concerning same amongst the foreign diplomats in Cuba The Egyptian Embassador(RAU:Syria, etc.) went to the first meetin[g] the diplomats had in Habana concerning the new monetary exchanges He first agreed strongly with the rest and promised to sign the enclosed type document concerning the new $ exchange in Cuba. T[he] first meeting was held last Monday, Aug.13th, and they met again a second time on Thursday in order to sign. He(name not known by Carvajal) then refused to sign and did not even show up which indi[ca]ted to the remainder of the diplomats that his money must have bee[n] exchanged in the full amount to keep him off the list of signature[s] The Swiss Charge D'Affairs informed at the same meeting, to the Diplomats, that he received information from his Government that t[he] Swiss Gov't. was checking all present Cuban bank accountants exist in Switzerland and were readying themselves to act accordingly in case the Cuban Gov't. should not reach any agreement in regards to the exchange with the Diplomats.

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Cont'd. 9-- - The Japanese Embassador said he informed his Gov't. about these difficulties as a protest against the behavior of the Cuban Gov' This he told at the Diplomatic meeting.

- About a week ago, there was a hunger strike at the Brazilian Emb by the exiles there. However, they gave up as a gesture to only obedience to the Embassador. They protested against not receivi salvo conductos and other things.

- This coming week, Monday or Tuesday, the Diplomats again are get together at a meeting to protest before the Cuban Gov't. about t lax and ~~[illegible]~~ designing ways of handling this affair, and remind the Gov't. of their obligations in extending the courtesy according International agreements.

- Carvajal asked me not to mention this, but later said that he informed us about Embassador Quiros leaving Havana this Thursday as he was being recalled by the Costa Rican Gov't. for consultati Carvajal will be in charge of the Embassy for the time, but said he didn't expect the Embassador to return as he is taking his fa[illegible] and house hold items.

He also told me again that <u>Eduardo Odio,</u> Costa Rican Consul in Havana, was a person not to be trusted by many experiences they h[illegible] already had with him.

- DO NOT MENTION CROWN NOW!

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((ARMANDO MORALES) WIFE CALLED LAST NIGHT saying HE ENTERED CUBA THROUGH AIRPORT WITHOUT ANY MISHAPS! HE AND SHE WERE TOLD TO INFORM ME OF SAME!)

I have money for him? if you want to give it to him

~~[illegible] mention~~

- Thurs. or Sat - [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible] - [illegible]

to [illegible]

JPN